Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 23 May 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 24 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 22 May 2023 at 11:37 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a mainly dry week. Medium for cloud amounts and any light rain on Tuesday and Wednesday, also Saturday.

Headline for Tuesday 23 May 2023: Dry, sunny start in east but clouding over from the west, before some sunshine returns later. Strong west to southwesterly breeze on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 23 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Dull	Fog	Dull	Sunny intervals	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	10%	20%	30%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Tuesday 23 May 2023

Weather: Clear periods at first overnight but clouding over towards morning. Perhaps some bright spells in sheltered east at first but generally a cloudy overcast morning and early afternoon with some light rain or drizzle at times. Cloud thinning and breaking in places later especially in the north and east.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% rising 60% in north and east later.

Low cloud and visibility: Cloud at 750-900m spreading from west by morning, locally 600m in west with occasionally moderate to poor visibility in any drizzle. Cloud breaking again in north and east east later with good visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	16/21 W	20/25 SW	21/28 SW	22/30 SW	24/33 W	26/36 SW	27/38 SW	28/38 SW	28/38 SW
900	16/20 W	18/23 SW	20/27 SW	22/29 SW	24/33 W	25/35 SW	27/37 SW	27/37 SW	27/38 SW
600	11/16 W	12/17 SW	15/22 SW	17/25 SW	19/28 SW	20/30 SW	21/31 SW	20/30 SW	20/30 SW
300	5/15 W	3/15 SW	6/20 SW	8/24 W	10/27 W	10/29 SW	10/29 SW	9/28 SW	10/29 SW
Glen	5/11 SW	4/12 SW	9/17 SW	11/20 SW	13/24 SW	13/24 SW	13/24 SW	11/21 SW	11/22 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	1/-4	1/-5	2/-4	3/-3	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3	2/-4
900	2/-3	2/-3	3/-3	4/-2	5/-0	5/-0	5/-1	4/-2	3/-3
600	5/1	4/1	5/1	6/2	7/3	8/3	7/3	6/2	6/1
300	7/6	7/6	8/6	9/7	10/7	10/8	10/8	8/6	8/5
Glen	10/9	9/9	10/8	11/9	12/10	13/11	13/10	11/9	11/8
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1300m	1600m	1700m	1400m	1300m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing additional.

Forecast for Wednesday 24 May 2023
Weather: Low cloud bringing hill fog and some light rain in the morning, then turning much brighter from the northwest around the middle of the day with some long sunny spells for the rest of the day.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 15-20mph gusts 25-30mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% rising 90% later.

Low cloud and visibility: Overcast cloud at 500-750m, perhaps lower near west coast, then clearing from the north. Poor visibility in mist and drizzle for a time then improving good or very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 rising to Plus 16 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 6 rising to Plus 8 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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